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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO AMEMBASSY NIAMEY PRIORITY

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 6361

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LOME

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUHOU

AMEMBASSY ROME

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AFDROUGHT

EO 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: VICTIMS OF SUCCESS

1. URGENTLY NEED DECISIONS ON DISPOSITION FAST DIMINSHING
US STOCKS COTONOU AND PARAKOU. THIS MORNING WE HAD ONLY 823
MT AT COTONOU AND LESS THAN 400 MT AT PARAKOU. UNLESS I GIVE
WRITTEN COUNTER ORDER TO SACOTRA, THEY PLANNING SHIP REMAINING
COTONOU STOCKS BY RAIL WITHIN NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. THIS
WILL MEAN WE WILL NOT HAVE PROMISED 500 MT FOR SHIPMENT THROUGH
NIGERIA BY ROAD. I AM PLANNING TEMPORARILY HOLD 500 MT AWAIT-
ING INSTRUCTION FROM NIAMEY. THUS, WE NOW IN RIDICULOUS
POSITION OF ASKING SACOTRA AND OCDN NOT TO SHIP GRAIN. SEEMS
WE BECOMING VICTIMS OF OUR OWN SUCCESS.

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2. UNDERSTAND COFFI HAS SENT ORDER TO SACOTRA/COTONOU TO EAR

MARK ALL 2000 MT SORGHUM DUE ARRIVE ON DELTA URUGUAY FOR MAIL.
ASSUME THIS RESULT INSTRUCTION FROM RDO. NO ONE HERE KNOWS PRE-
CISELY DELTA URUGUAY'S ETA. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE COMING SOMETIME
NEXT WEEK. WOULD SUGGEST NO TRUCKS BE SENT FOR GAO SHIPMENTS
UNTIL URUGUAY CARGO BEGINS REACHING PARAKOU. OTHERWISE, WE MAY
HAVE ACCOUNTING PROBLEM WITH NIGER.

3. IT APPEARS WE ARE ALMOST OUT OF GRAIN BUSINESS AT
COTONOU FOR FY74.
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